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CMDCM Joe Campa

## Campa selected to be next MCPON

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The chief of naval operations, Adm. Mike Mullen, announced June 16 that he has selected CMDCM (SW/FMF) Joe Campa to succeed MCPON (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott as master chief petty officer of the Navy.

Campa currently serves as the Command Master Chief for Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. "Master Chief Campa follows a legacy of tremendous service by MCPON Terry Scott," said Mullen. "Master Chief Campa has the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force experience to represent our sailors not only standing watch at sea and ashore, but also serving in non-traditional missions across the globe. I am looking forward to working with him as we continue to address the important issues facing our sailors and their families."

A native of Lynwood, Calif., Campa enlisted in the Navy June 2, 1980, and completed Recruit Training and Hospital Corps "A" School in San Diego.

His duty assignments include service aboard the San Diego-based USS *Ogden* (LPD 5); Naval Medical Center, San Diego; 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Naval Hospital Long Beach, Calif.; 3rd Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, Okinawa, Japan; Naval Hospital Bremerton, Wash.; 1st Force Service Support Group during the Persian Gulf War; USS *Comstock* (LSD 45), based in San Diego; and Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill.

Campa was selected to the command master chief program in May 1999. His first CMC tour was aboard USS *Curtis Wilbur* (DDG 54) in Yokosuka, Japan. During his tour, the ship deployed to the North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He subsequently served as the command master chief of

Guam-based USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40).

Campa is a distinguished honor graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and has completed the Army Command Sergeants Major course, and has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior College. In March, he graduated from the Naval War College with a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies. "The greatest thing about the Navy is that it gives everyone who enlists to serve our country a chance," said Campa after learning of his selection. "No matter where we come from before we put on the uniform, our Navy gives us all the same chance for success. I am proud to serve in an organization that gives us all opportunities for world-class, state-of-the-art

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## ORM plus PPE equals a fun ride

COURTESY OF THE NSA MID-SOUTH SAFETY OFFICE

Summer is here and life is good for those of us who love the outdoors. Outdoor activities for many of us include riding a motorcycle.

Each year the number of riders keeps growing and now with the higher cost of fuel, it has become a popular means of transportation. With the increase in riders, injuries and fatalities have increased at an alarming rate. So far this year, 29 sailors and marines have lost their lives. If operational risk management (ORM) and personnel protective equipment (PPE) had been used, a majority of these fatalities would not have occurred. As an example of how using ORM can save lives, here is a portion of a message received by the Naval Safety Center on action taken against a sailor who didn't use ORM:

*An E5 was involved in a two-vehicle motorcycle accident caused by driving too fast for the conditions while participating in a group ride. Neither he nor his passenger wore a helmet. As a result, the E5 suffered head injuries and his passenger died from her injuries. He was found guilty of violating Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) Article 92 (failure to obey order or regulation) at Captain's Mast and awarded reduction to the next inferior pay-grade, forfeiture of 100 dollars pay and oral admonition. The Judge Advocate General's investigation recommended the service-member be found in the line of duty not due to his own misconduct, since the consequences of his failure to wear a helmet were foreseeable, however, they were not likely. The line of duty determination is currently undergoing review.*

While participating in the group ride, the member exercised a flawed bit of ORM and made a conscious decision to remove his helmet. He reasoned that the risk of having an accident was low, based on the good weather and road conditions, the fact that he was riding with a group of

experienced responsible riders, and that they planned to ride at low speeds. At the time, he did not consider that navy regulations required him to wear his helmet or the potentially devastating consequences of an accident occurring at low speed (approximately 30 mph).

Although using ORM for making decisions during liberty activities is encouraged, sailors must consider that there are many situations where higher authority has already performed some of the ORM and provided us tools to conduct the activity safely. In this case, the applicable regulations are clear and provided to personnel in the form of general military training, safety indoctrination, motorcycle safety courses, etc. When conducting ORM, personnel must clearly respect the line between decisions they are allowed to make and those that they are not. Whether or not to wear a helmet when operating a motorcycle is an example of a decision we are not allowed to make.

The Navy Safety Center reminds everyone to review motorcycle safety regulations and that sailors must comply with them. Motorcycle safety regulations are similar to tag-out regulations. Both are in place for the express purpose of preventing personnel injury and equipment damage. Sailors are required to comply with the regulations or face possible action under the UCMJ.

Motorcycle safety regulations are similar in principle to our tag-out regulations. Both are put in place for the express purpose of preventing personnel injury and equipment damage. In other words, they are called regulations because they demand compliance all the time and violations are subject to action under the UCMJ. We would never use ORM to disregard requirements when hanging tag-outs because they are important to our safety. Likewise, ORM should not be used to disregard the requirements of any safety regulations.

Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 5100.12F clearly defines what PPE is required while operating any motor-



cycle. These requirements are:

1. Sturdy footwear.
2. Eye protection.
3. Long sleeves (shirt or jacket)
4. Full fingered gloves.
5. A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night.
6. A Department of Transportation-approved helmet.

Navy regulations also require that motorcycle operators have a valid driver's license, insurance and proof of completing a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are many good reasons why individuals enjoy riding a motorcycle. And there are an equal number of reasons why safety has to be at the forefront of every ride. By using ORM and wearing PPE, every ride can be a fun ride. For more information on motorcycle safety, you can go to the Tennessee Web site <http://www.state.tn.us/safety/mrep.html> or Motorcycle Safety Foundation Web site at <http://www.msf-usa.org/>.

## Seaman to Admiral Program accepting applications

BY JOC BRUCE MOODY  
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The Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) commissioning program, which provides a pathway for qualified sailors to receive college educations and Navy commissions, is soliciting applications for fiscal year 2007.

Deadline for applications is July 15. The selection board will meet in September, and the names of selectees will be announced via message traffic in October. "STA-21 is a full-time undergraduate education and commissioning program open to enlisted personnel of all pay grades and ratings who meet eligibility requirements," said Cmdr. Cathy L.W. Kempf, head of Selection and Placement for the Naval Service Training Command, Officer Development. STA-21 is designed to improve support for sailors interested in earning a baccalaureate degree and a commission as a naval officer. Selectees are authorized a maximum 36 months of full-time, year-round study to complete a baccalaureate degree, however, preferential consideration will be given to those applicants requiring 24 months or less of full-time study.

Participants in the STA-21 program remain on active duty while attending college and benefit from an education voucher valued at up to \$10,000 per year to cover tuition, fees and book costs. STA-21 participants will become members of and drill with a local Navy ROTC unit. Upon graduation, STA-21 participants will be commissioned as ensigns and return to active duty in the fleet. In addition to the \$10,000 per year voucher, sailors receive their basic pay and basic allowance for housing and are eligible for advancement, and many will be eligible for fleet housing units, as well.

Candidates may apply for either the STA-21 Core Option or the STA-21 Target Option programs. The STA-21 Core Option allows officer community assignment to an unrestricted line designator during the final year of college based on the needs of the Navy, individual qualifications, aptitude, experience and preferences.

A limited number of STA-21 target option billets are available for those interested in joining the following communities upon entry to STA-21: Nuclear (Surface or Submarine), Aviation (Pilot), Aviation (Naval Flight Officer), Surface Warfare, Special Operations, Special Warfare, Nurse Corps, Supply Corps, Special Duty Officer (Intelligence), Special

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## Individual Augmentation Community of Practice on NKO

BY JO1 (SW/AW) JOHN OSBORNE  
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The individual augmentation (IA) community of practice (CoP) was recently launched on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) to provide sailors with links to information supporting the Navy's IA effort.

A CoP workspace provides a Web-based collaborative environment where members of a group use shared information and administrative and communications tools to conduct business, manage a project, keep abreast of important group issues and solve group problems.

The IA home page features links to multiple resources, including those available from many different communities.

"The individual augmentation CoP is designed to provide sailors with a cohesive knowledge structure that will provide them with the tools they need to become a successful member of the IA program," said Jon Harris, knowledge manager at Naval Personnel Development Command who oversaw the construction of the CoP.

The Individual Augmentation CoP is

equipped with several informational links that can be helpful to sailors attending IA training at Fort Jackson, S.C. For example, one link provides information on what is required to get orders to Fort Jackson. Another section offers a pre-deployment checklist and still another gives cultural information about the countries where IAs are deployed.

"We have worked to provide sailors reporting to Fort Jackson with as much information as possible, including information on Fort Jackson itself and points of contact," Harris said. "We are also setting up discussion forums where sailors can ask questions and address concerns with subject matter experts, some of whom have been through the IA program and are currently stationed in theater."

The IA program is a joint-service operation between the Army and the Navy at Fort Jackson, where the Army is training sailors to augment their troops on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Harris said the creation of the Individual Augmentation CoP was necessary to provide a knowledge management strategy that brings focus to the IA process. Up to this point, sailors who

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# COMMENTARY

## The side of the Navy mission you don't always see

Warriors, a big hoo-yah to all of you out there. Back in from a great trip to San Diego and Pascagoula, Miss., to visit our Warriors who are manning the pre-commissioning ships. I'm glad to report that I am still amazed at the level of quality and professionalism that I'm constantly barraged with.

During the last few columns, I've been talking up a lot of items you've probably already heard a little about, but I had points I needed to drive home. This time I want to draw your attention to a mission we don't always see.

Back in April, quite a few medical warriors from the Navy and our sister services joined up with the Military Sealift Command and took off from San Diego heading for the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Along the way a bunch of good folks from nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) like Project Hope, Hawaii's Aloha Medical Mission, the Tzu Chi Foundation, the Sahaya Foundation, the Philippine Red Cross, and the University of California - San Diego Pre-Dental Society, just to name a few, will be joining up with *Mercy* throughout her five-month deployment.

The *Mercy* isn't going out to conduct counter-terrorism operations, and they won't be patrolling for pirates or searching for submarines. In fact there's only one thing they are looking for - THOSE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

I'm talking about the USNS *Mercy* and its current humanitarian mission. I'm talking about a



BY PACIFIC FLEET MASTER CHIEF (SS/SW) R.D. WEST

lot of military doctors, nurses, and corpsmen partnering up with their civilian counterparts from all over this part of the world - as well as our Pacific region military friends and allies - to reach out to those areas where people need help.

And it's not just the medical folks either. Our Seabees continue to be everywhere. Warriors from Naval Construction Battalion 40 joined the mission to lend their construction skills to projects like new sidewalks, painting, and building repair.

And backing it all up as ambassadors of good will is the Navy's Show Band out of Norfolk. Using the universal language of music, they are already a hot ticket at every port visit so far. I'm here to tell you that they have standing-room only audiences wherever they go.

OK, so I hear some folks saying, "Yeah, big deal, Master Chief." Well, actually it is a big deal, so let me tell you why and why it matters to you.

If you think back over the last 24 months, some of the Navy's biggest deployments efforts have been what? I'll give you a hint - USS *Abraham Lincoln*, USS *Bonhomme Richard*, USNS *Mercy*, USNS *Comfort*, USS *Bataan*, USS *Iwo Jima*, among others - any of these names ring a bell?

If they don't, they should, because they were some of the ships responding to major natural disasters internationally and at home.

As the most powerful and professional naval force in the world, it's our responsibility to be able to respond to these catastrophes. Never mind that we are protecting peace and stability in a region when we help. That is important, but just as important we are showing our real power — our compassion, our generosity, and our commitment to our fellow man.

So why do you, the average Sailor, care? Simple. More than likely during your career (however long or short) you're going to get the call to assist.

We all will. And missions like *Mercy*'s not only provide great medical care to people who need it, but it gives us the chance to train our response skills, to work with the host nations and NGOs so we have working relationships in place whenever the call goes out.

I don't know if you have seen any of the photos or stories coming from *Mercy* lately, but they clearly demonstrate how close a partnership we have with our regional allies and the NGOs. They also show why we'll need these partnerships in the future.

Go take a gander at their web site photo gallery at [http://www.cpf.navy.mil/news\\_images/Mercy/photos.htm](http://www.cpf.navy.mil/news_images/Mercy/photos.htm). You will see Project Hope, Air Force, foreign military and Navy professionals working side by side. You will see an Aloha Medical Mission physician getting a chance to help people in need because the Navy now knows how best to help him do that.

You will also see the Pacific Fleet Commander, Adm. Gary Roughead, out there too. Why? Because it's that important. The fleet commander knows that for the right response, we need to get there and partner up quickly, so

he's involved. Other NGOs and host nations will join in as *Mercy* continues along its course. We will help those in need, we will build trust and confidence in each other, and we will train for when the unthinkable occurs.

This comes from working together; learning about each other, knowing the protocols and procedures to make sure the mission gets done. We will respond more quickly with the right people and right equipment in the right place. Now people are being helped when they need it most, and we are better prepared to support our regional friends

and allies while protecting stability and peace.

Warriors, there's an old saying that goes, "those who have the most, should give the most." As Americans, we have the privilege of living in one of the most prosperous countries in the world. And likewise, our compassion and generosity is just as great. *Mercy* is demonstrating that compassion and commitment.

So a big "hoo-yah!" to all my *Mercy* shipmates - military and civilian. You are doing great work, and we thank you for it. Keep charging!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sorghum Hill returns to the Sunset on the Square** summer concert series tonight in Collierville. The group performs traditional bluegrass songs, original melodies and arrangements of songs first played in a style other than bluegrass. The concert is from 7-9 p.m. No pets or alcohol allowed. The park is handicapped accessible. For additional information call 853-1666.

**NSA Mid-South's Chapel Center** will hold its Vacation Bible School June 26-30, 6-9 p.m., for children 5-12-years old. Call the Chapel Center @ 874-5341 for more information.

**New Orleans music comes to Memphis** when the Broadmoor Baptist Church, located at 3824 Austin Peay Hwy in Raleigh, will host their Summer Soul Fest at 4 p.m. on June 25. Free food, games and plenty of great music. For more information call 386-9643.

**National Night Out** is a night to teach our children about crime and safety awareness. Please come out to the soccer field behind the Pat Thompson Theatre on 1 Aug 06 from 1700-2000. The base Vet Clinic will be setting up a booth to micro chip pets, so bring your pets! \$15.00 is the cost of the chip for military with no activation fee. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, contact MA2 Kevin Fahlund at 874-5665.

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# THE ROAD NOT PLANNED OFTEN LEADS TO THE right path

By CLAY WILSON  
SPECIAL TO THE BLUEJACKET

"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps," says Proverbs 16:9.

Oftentimes, life doesn't go exactly as we planned it. But just as often, I think, we look back and see that it has gone exactly as it should.

The opening verse came to mind as I was reviewing my interview with Cmdr. Russell Chang. The executive officer of NSA Mid-South is about to retire after 28 years in a career he never envisioned himself having.

And yet, he indicated, he wouldn't change a thing.

"I have absolutely no regrets on my career path," he told me.

"I'm a fatalist," he continued. "Some people would call it optimism. Everything that happens in life, pretty much happens for a reason ... so there's pretty much no way you can screw it up ...."

A native of Hong Kong and the adopted son of Chinese-Americans, Chang grew up near an Air Force base in Oklahoma and knew from the start he wanted to be a jet pilot. It only seemed logical to him to join the Air Force.

When he was ready to apply to the Air Force Academy, Chang's congressman told him he had already granted his allotted number of appointments for that school. However, he had an alternate appointment for the U.S. Naval Academy.

Chang applied, and the appointment came through. He graduated from Annapolis in 1978, completed flight training in Texas and was designated a naval aviator in 1980.

But while Chang was training in the advanced jet squadron, destiny intervened again. They discovered he was too short and light for the ejection seats. The

Navy said he would have to fly non-ejection seat aircraft.

This he did, gathering more than 3,500 flight hours flying variants of the Beechcraft C-12 and North American CT-39 on VIP transport and reconnaissance missions. He also flew more than 1,000 flight hours as an instructor in the T-34 Mentor, the Navy's primary flight trainer. He served in Japan, the Philippine Islands and a number of bases in the United States in roles ranging from commanding officer to operations and administrative department head to chief staff officer.

He also went into the aviation duty officer program, a designator President Reagan's Secretary of the Navy John Lehman created, Chang said, to keep pilots in the cockpit. And that was exactly where Chang wanted to be.

"I'm much happier being a Navy pilot than I think I would have been as an Air Force pilot," he said. Acknowledging the "huge tradition" of naval aviation, he said there's a deep sense of camaraderie among Navy pilots.

Chang came to NSA Mid-South in 2004. It was here, he said, that he learned another aspect of community.

As the base's "XO," Chang oversees the facility's administrative functions. He also sees that the operational orders issued by the commanding officer are implemented.

But Chang said he has been able to serve as a base representative at more community functions here than he would have at an operational command, such as an aviation squadron. This has allowed him to develop a deep respect and appreciation for what the local community does for the military — particularly the Navy — here in the Flag City.



Cmdr. Chang

"I don't think most folks stationed here really understand that," he said. "They don't know how lucky they really are."

It was through Chang's community involvement that I met him. I first encountered him at the Millington Area Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Military Appreciation Breakfast.

His easygoing, friendly manner created an instant rapport; and since then, we have had numerous conversations about military aircraft, with me trying to sound like I knew what I was talking about, as he patiently

endured my sincere — if sometimes misinformed — enthusiasm.

In March, Chang and his wife Silvia attended my wedding; and on Monday, Jennifer and I plan to attend his retirement ceremony.

With the end of his Navy career, Chang's time in Millington is also drawing to a close. He and Silvia plan to move back to San Diego, where they have a house, some rental property and numerous friends. Chang said he has no immediate plans, except to fix up his properties so friends can visit.

While he is leaving Millington, it seems unlikely that Chang will forget his time here.

"I've loved it here," he said. "I like the atmosphere. I like the people. They're all so very friendly here."

As Chang prepares for his mid-July departure, I'd just like to say that I'm glad the road he didn't plan on taking brought him here and into my path. I wish him, to use the sailor's phrase, "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

And while I've never planned to visit San Diego, who knows where my steps might be directed someday?



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**NCCM (SW) Randy A. Miller, program manager for Perform to Serve and Career Information Management System at the Navy Personnel Command, receives his retirement certificate from Capt. William Foster, director of the Center for Career Development, during a ceremony honoring his 31 years of dedicated service. (Photo by JO1 Amie Hunt)**



ABEC Henderson Hill is piped ashore during his retirement ceremony last Friday, marking an end to a 24-year naval career. (Photo by Art Frith)

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receive orders to report for IA training or who want to request to take part in IA did not have a “one-stop shop” for IA information. The result has been sailors arriving at Fort Jackson without the necessary medical and administrative paperwork, lacking the pre-requisite courses, and not knowing anything about Fort Jackson itself. Harris hopes this CoP will reverse that trend.

“We want the IA participants and their parent commands to know there is an NKO knowledge site

that pertains to every sailor who will fill an IA billet, whether they are officer or enlisted,” he said. “Commands should treat this just like a deployment on the ship. Before a ship deploys for six months, there is a checklist that must be completed on each sailor in terms of training, family issues and medical screening. The IA program has similar requirements, and this CoP spells it all out for the sailors, their commands and their families.”

Since its launch, the IA CoP has received more than 2,000 hits. Harris said the CoP will be continually updated and revised to meet the sailors’ needs, and he wants to hear from them about what can be done to improve its service.

“I look forward to hearing from people, especially the sailors who have been in theater or are currently serving on the ground, because they can tell us exactly what this CoP needs to be doing to assist their shipmates in becoming more prepared than those that went before them,” he said. “This CoP exists for the sole reason of helping our sailors arrive at Fort Jackson ready to train, and if there is something more we can be doing, I want to know about it.”

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Duty Officer (Information Warfare), and Civil Engineer Corps. Those not selected for these target options will, if desired, be considered for the STA-21 Core Option. With the exception of Special Warfare and Submarine options, STA-21 designators are open to both genders. All STA-21 officer candidates will attend the Naval Science Institute (NSI) course at the Officer Training Command in

Newport, R.I., prior to beginning college studies at an NROTC-affiliated college or university. NSI is an eight-week course of intense officer preparation and indoctrination. Course enrollment is timed to allow college entrance during fall, spring or summer semesters/quarters.

A limited number of selectees will be chosen to attend a three-month individualized program of study at BOOST (Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training) School in Newport to assist in the transition to college.

Chaplain’s Corner

CLOGGED SEWER LINES

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

Bitterness can grow deep down in us and strangle a relationship. What seems like small and petty things can build up until bitterness and resentment against the person are so strong it spills over into a big mess. There is the old saying that couples even argue over where to squeeze the toothpaste tube!

I believe people get in trouble as they allow little things to strangle their relationship over time. Bitterness can strangle relationships with your family, friends, or in your marriage. While helping people through divorce, I ran across this poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay (1923). She wrote, “‘Tis not love’s going hurt my days. But that it went in little ways.” Little resentments can strangle a relationship and cause the root of bitterness to grow. Don’t allow the root of bitterness to clog your life.

The author of Hebrews tells us how to keep bitterness from growing: live in peace with other people and with God. Learn to forgive, and not hold things against others. This will keep the root of bitterness from growing inside of you.

It was a mess! Laundry water flowed up through the toilet on to our hardwood floor in the hall. My wife acted quickly and shut off the washing machine. After mopping up the water, I tried using a plunger to clear up the problem, but it didn’t work. The problem was in the sewer line and we’d have to call a plumber.

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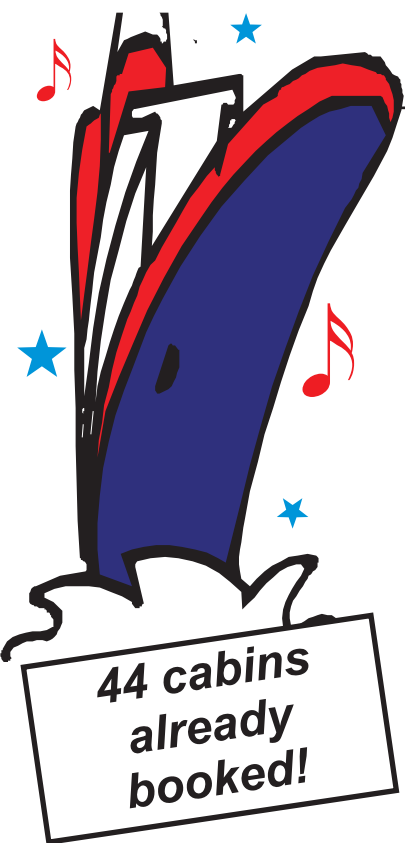
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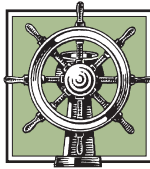
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## JUNE 22-JULY 1, 2006

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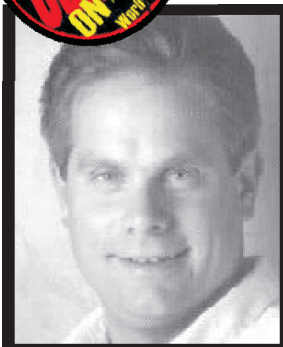
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Dinner 6 p.m., Show 7 p.m.

....Menu....

Caesar Salad, Carved Roast Beef  
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Broccoli/Cauliflower Medley  
Croissants,  
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The staff at the Ellison is doing a terrific job of creating a relaxing and inviting atmosphere for you to enjoy. This center offers a thirty-six seat theater, TV lounge, billiards, ping pong

tables, darts, PS2 and XBOX game systems and various board games. Also featured is a six-station computer center with Internet access. Special activities and events conducted throughout the year include tournaments, Navy Motion Picture Program, MOSA Single Sailor Dinners, Shuttle trips to local Memphis entertainment and shopping centers, day trips and ticket give-a-ways. Stop by to see what's the next big event going on. Ellison Recreation Center is open to all MWR authorized patrons. However this center is the home of the "Liberty Program" ("Single Sailor Program") and you must be 18 or older to participate in activities unless otherwise stated.

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**Snack bar:** Let your taste buds go wild with a variety of snack foods and beverages all at a low cost. Additional beverages available for those 21 and older.

**Trips and Events:** Ellison schedules trips and events throughout the year. Stop by to see what's the next big event going on.

### Saddle Club horse shows scheduled for July 1, 15 and 19

**About horse shows-**  
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The Lazy Anchor Ranch invites everyone come out to the ranch and join in the fun. We've been kickin' our boots up all summer long and we're not done yet! Drop by to ride with us or to watch a good old-fashioned horse show at the riding arena. Concessions available during horse shows. For more information call our Stable Master: Regina Pearson at 872-3656.



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Outstanding Work

MA1 Rodney O. Smith is presented with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal by Cmdr. Russell Chang, NSA Mid-South executive officer. Smith also was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal as an end-of-tour award during the same ceremony. (Photo by Art Frith)

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training, an education, help with a direction in life, and service with honor. "Because of the chance the Navy gives us all to succeed, we're only limited by our individual willingness to work hard and our own desires," he added. "I am eternally grateful for the opportunity the Navy gave to me when I first raised my right hand, and how the Navy continued to provide opportunities for success and growth, personally and professionally, throughout my career.

"There is no way I would be in this position without the help of my shipmates and my friends, and my family. I am humbled beyond words for the opportunity and responsibility I now have been given to serve in this role as MCPON, and I am determined to make sure our Navy continues to offer such opportunities to the best people our country has to offer," Campa said. "To me, that is the best way I can repay in some small way the help, encouragement and faith all the people who have touched my life have given me."

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serves as an advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations and to the Chief of Naval Personnel in matters dealing with enlisted personnel and their families. The MCPON also is an advisor to the many boards dealing with enlisted personnel issues; is the enlisted representative of the Department of the Navy at special events; may be called upon to testify on enlisted personnel issues before Congress; and maintains a liaison with enlisted spouse organizations.

The change of office ceremony is scheduled for July 10 at the Washington Navy Yard.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Metropolis

By ART FRITH  
NSA MID-SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Since 1938, when "Superman" debuted as a comic strip character, fans across North America and around the world have known of Metropolis. However, did you know that Superman's home is less than a four-hour drive northwest of NSA?

Metropolis is a small town located just off I-24 on the Ohio River in Illinois across the river from Paducah, Ky. In January 1972, National Periodical Publications, now known as DC Comics, gave its permission for the tiny town to be declared "The Home of Superman." Shortly thereafter, the State of Illinois passed a resolution recognizing Metropolis as Superman's home and designated the Man of Steel a "Distinguished Son of Metropolis."

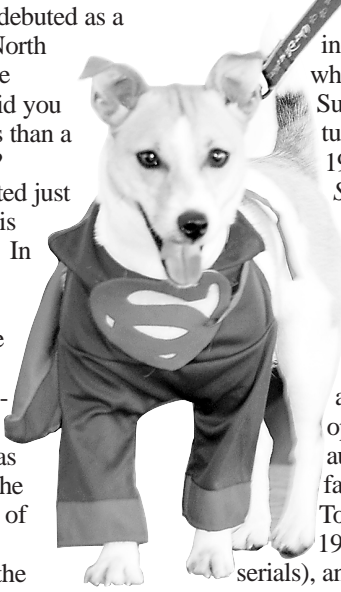
Thousands of fans from across the United States and around the world flock to the tiny town each second weekend in June for Metropolis' "Superman Celebration." The event, which is marked its 28th anniversary last weekend, is still going strong. In the courthouse square stands a 15-foot bronze statue of Superman, who appears to stand guard over the place he calls home. Children and adults can be seen standing next to their favorite superhero and striking a pose for the camera. As you might expect, there are plenty of attractions and events going on during the annual, four-day long Superman Celebration. There are superhero costume contests for kids, adults and pets, a carnival full of rides, a BMX

bike show, and Superman Challenge in the Man of Steel arena, just to name a few.

There are many Superman-themed attractions in the town, including the Superman Museum, which houses an extensive collection of Superman memorabilia, including costumes worn by George Reeves for the 1950s TV series *The Adventures of Superman*, by Christopher Reeve in the popular *Superman* motion picture series, and by Dean Cain in the 1990s TV series *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*.

Celebrities associated with the Superman franchise make appearances every year, giving fans the opportunity to pick up an in-person autograph, and a photo with their favorite star. In years past, Dean Cain, Tommy Bond (Jimmy Olsen in the 1940s Columbia Pictures' *Superman* serials), and Margot Kidder (Lois Lane from the Christopher Reeve-era *Superman* movie) have made appearances at the event. This year's celebrities included Michael Rosenbaum (Lex Luthor from WB's *Smallville* and the voice of The Flash in the *Justice League* and *Justice League Unlimited* animated series), Stephan Bender (young Clark Kent in the soon-to-be released *Superman Returns*) and Noel Neill (Lois Lane in the *Superman* serials of the late 1940s and the 1950s TV series *The Adventures of Superman*).

Scott Cranford, the "official" Superman of



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# SMALLVILLE COMES TO METROPOLIS...TWICE

By Art Frith  
NSA Mid-South Public Affairs

When Michael Rosenbaum, who is best known for playing Lex Luthor on the WB's long-running *Smallville*, thinks of Clark Kent, the first image to come to his mind would be most likely that of his co-star Tom Welling. However, at the recent Superman Celebration in Metropolis, Ill., Rosenbaum came face-to-face with a new Clark Kent from *Smallville*. This time it was Stephan Bender, who will be playing the teenage Kent this summer in Warner Bros. motion picture *Superman Returns*.

Like many fans today, Rosenbaum and Bender grew up during the Christopher Reeve-era *Superman* movies. "My father owned a toy store, so I read most of the *Superman* comics. Superman's this guy who can take on anything. What little kid didn't put on a cape and try to jump off something and fly?" said Bender. Kids need a hero figure in their lives and Superman was that figure."

What was it like auditioning for the role of Clark in *Superman Returns*? Bender explained, "When I went into the room, it was weird. No one looked the same. There were about 15 other guys ranging in age and size from big and scruffy to a scrawny, little guy like me." When Bender



Stephan Bender, left, (of *Superman Returns*) and Michael Rosenbaum (of the WB's *Smallville*). (Photo by Art Frith)

mentioned that he did not read any lines during his audition, and hinted that he apparently got the part solely on his looks, Rosenbaum chuckled and said, "So, you got the role just because you're pretty?"

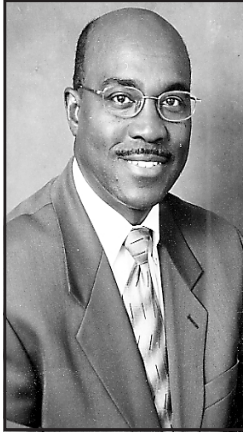
Asked how his character on *Smallville* compares to portrayals in the Christopher Reeve movies, Rosenbaum said, "I'd seen the *Superman* movies with Gene Hackman as Luthor. He went over the top, primarily because he's Gene Hackman. For me, it was playing Lex 'real.' When I took on the role, I wanted my Lex to have a vulnerability, which brought out a sense of credibility for me and the character." Rosenbaum continued, "The show (*Smallville*) is unique in the fact that fans have seen Lex evolve on the show. He's a guy with a powerful, somewhat evil, father who started out trying to find the right path and you see why he evolves into a super-vil-

lain." As the series now enters its sixth season this fall on the new CW network, Rosenbaum says stand by. "Now's the time for me to come out of my shell. I definitely think this year you're going to see me get bad ... very bad."

How has life changed for the 16-year-old Bender, who finds himself with his acting debut in a major motion picture like *Superman Returns*? "It changed a lot, as you might imagine. I come from a small town in Missouri with a population of about 3,000. I go to Los Angeles and two weeks later I get the part." He added, "It's kind of scary." Looking at the newcomer to the *Superman* mythos, Rosenbaum grinned and said, "You mean because of all of the girls?" Bender was quick to respond, "I never had that much problem attracting girls before, Michael." Everywhere he appeared in Metropolis, throngs

of teenage girls would appear, trying to get a glimpse of Bender, or take his photo on their cell phone cameras.

Bender has only seen his parts in *Superman Returns*. The completed version is being kept under wraps until its release next Wednesday nationwide. What does he think about becoming part of the *Superman* mythos? Bender smiled and said, "I'm one of the luckiest kids alive today."



Retired Military

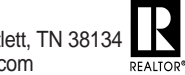
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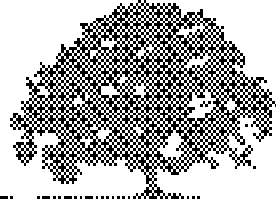
## Metropolis

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Metropolis since June 2000, could be seen walking around, not flying above, the streets posing for photos and talking with fans of all ages. In addition to numerous "Supermen," there were other costumed super-heroes walking the streets in preparation for the big superhero costume contest, including The Mighty Thor, Supergirl, Batman, Green Lantern, and the golden-age of comics' Flash. Ironically, it was Spider-Man, a character from Marvel Comics, who won the contest and took home the \$1,000 first-place prize money.

This year's celebration concluded a hundreds of fans crowded into the courthouse square, to witness the marriage of Christopher Dennis, known as "The Hollywood Superman," and Bonnie Nancy Finkenthal in front of the Superman statue.

Interest in the Last Son of Krypton is soaring once again with the scheduled June 28 release of *Superman Returns* in theaters across the nation. If you, or your children, are a fan of the Man of Steel, then don't miss the opportunity to drive up to Metropolis over a weekend for a tour of the town. Better yet. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending next year's celebration. You're sure to have a SUPER time.



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